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Environmental Assessment for Control of Animal Population

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — The Air Force has prepared an environmental assessment evaluating potential impacts on the environment associated with the control of the resident prairie dog population at Kirtland Air Force Base. This action is proposed by the 377th Air Base Wing, which is a part of Air Force Materiel Command.

The 377th Air Base Wing proposes to selectively apply a commercial fumigant to manage the growth of the prairie dog population. The action is needed to limit the possible transmission of rodent-vectored disease and minimize damage to landscaped grounds and other government property.

The Air Force proposes a finding of no significant impact on the human environment from the proposed project. They have also determined there are no major environmental impacts associated with this proposed action, nor will the proposed action significantly affect the quality of the environment.

A copy of the environmental assessment is available at the Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute Montoya campus library. The public comment period ends August 8, 1997. Individuals wishing further information, or to contribute comments, should contact John McGlothlen, National Environmental Policy Act program manager, (505) 846-4377.

